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KANSAS CALLS IT A TRUST

American Surety Company Cited to Appear by Mr. Luling.

The Attorney General Advises That It Be Compelled to Comply with the State's Laws.

Topeka, Kansas. — The American Surety company, one of the largest and most powerful bonding companies in the United States, a company that probably bonds more railroad and express company employees than any other, may be barred from doing business in Kansas. C. C. Coleman, attorney general, rendered an opinion to C. H. Luling, superintendent of insurance Tuesday, saying that it was clearly within the power of the state's insurance department "to compel this company to comply with the state's laws or to declare its certificate and right to do business in the state forfeited." As a consequence the American Surety company is cited to appear before the superintendent of insurance and show cause why its certificate shall not be revoked.

The point in the attorney general's opinion is that the American Surety company is a trust in that it restricts employees of the Missouri Pacific Railway company and the Pacific Express company from being bonded in any other company; that should a man be discharged for an alleged misdemeanor he is forever blacklisted and is therefore unable to obtain further employment in any concern the surety bonds of which are controlled by the American.

COOLIES MAY DIG CANAL.

The Government Will Bring Two Shiplads of Chinese to Isthmus as an Experiment.

Washington, D. C. — Chinese labor is to be used, after all, in building the Panama canal. The canal commission, at its last meeting on the isthmus, considered the advisability of importing coolies from the Far East. As a result the matter Friday was referred to Attorney General Moody to determine whether such action is prohibited by the Chinese exclusion and contract labor laws. It is not believed either law applies to the canal zone.

This step is one the authorities have discussed for months, and it is to be taken now only as a last resort. American workmen will not accept employment as laborers in the canal zone; negroes of the West Indian islands, have failed to render satisfactory service; natives of Northern Spain, who have been induced to go to the zone, are twice as effective as negroes, but enough of them cannot be secured.

The commission is compelled therefore to fall back upon Chinese, and arrangements are being made to import two shiplads.

Charges Against Fields.

New York. — The complaints were served Friday in the two suits heretofore brought by the Mutual Life Insurance company against Andrew C. Fields, its former superintendent of supplies. It is charged that Fields took from the treasury of the company during the last ten years sums aggregating \$1,746,000 by means of fraudulent bills and vouchers.

TRAIN'S FATAL PLUNGE.

Fast Mail on Great Northern Goes Over 70-Foot Embankment into a Lake—Nine Lives Lost.

Spokane, Wash. — At least nine lives were lost, seven persons were seriously injured and a score of others sustained cuts and bruises in a wreck of the fast mail train on the Great Northern a mile and a quarter east of Camden, Wash., 35 miles east of Spokane, late Monday afternoon, when the locomotive, mail, baggage and smoking cars left the rails on emerging from a tunnel, and plunging over the 70 foot embankment, were submerged in the waters of Diamond Lake. Spreading rails, probably caused by sun kinks, is given as the cause.

It is stated that two more bodies of unknown men are under the wreckage at the bottom of Diamond Lake.

Only two bodies, those of Geo. H. Curtis, and T. J. Dolbow, passengers, both of Spokane, have been recovered. The engine is believed to be about 60 or 70 feet under water and the bodies of Engineer Munson and Fireman Bell may not be recovered for days. It is thought the mail and baggage cars with the bodies of Mail Clerk Donner and Baggage Clerk Strickland may be recovered before night.

At 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon none of the bodies buried in Diamond Lake had been recovered. Efforts with a steam derrick to raise the submerged locomotive and the cars were unsuccessful. The known dead number six, but many in the vicinity of the wreck believe that the number will be increased to 12 or 15.

Postal Economies.

Washington, D. C. — Acting Postmaster General Hitchcock Tuesday expressed gratification that the expenditures on account of the service of the postoffice department for the quarter ended March 31, 1906, showed a material decrease from those of the corresponding quarter of last year.

The total receipts for the quarter ended on the 31st of last March were \$44,864,329. The excess of expenditures over receipts for the quarter was \$235,114. For the quarter ended March 31, 1905, the excess of expenditures over receipts was \$1,967,109, a saving on the last quarter of more than one and three-quarter millions dollars.

Gen. Kodama Dead.

Tokio. — General Baaron Kodama, chief of staff of the Japanese army, died here Monday morning. General Kodama was educated at Rutgers' college in the United States and has been called the genius of the Japanese army. He was appointed governor of Formosa after the war with Russia. After the retirement of Field Marshal Oyama, General Kodama was made chief of the general staff of the Japanese army. His wife, Sutematsu Yanakana, was educated at Vassar.

Half Holidays for Engineers.

Washington, D. C. — More than 8,000 men in the employ of the engineer department of the army will enjoy half holidays Saturday during the remainder of the summer under the terms of an order issued Monday from the war department.

By the capsizing of a sailing ship Sunday at Portsmouth, R. I., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anthony of Portsmouth and their daughter, aged 4, were drowned.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI.

Missouri First in Frogs.

Last year the game and fish of the 114 counties of the state netted to those engaged in that pursuit \$445,997 and this in spite of the new fish and game law which went into effect the middle of last year. The figures are from the state bureau of labor statistics. A. T. Edmonston, statistician, who did most of the compiling and tabulating, has added crawfish to the products of Missouri and recognized them as a profitable resource. While they have been sold for years on the streets of the cities under the familiar cries of "red hot" it is the first time in the history of any state that this dainty has been given rank as a commodity and given a regular commercial value. In frogs Missouri holds first rank, not another state in the Union shipping more to Eastern markets. Not only does the flesh of these half fish half animal creatures bring a good price, but the skins have a commercial value, being used for fancy purses and other leather novelties of which women are so fond. Missouri terrapins, which come from the swamps of Pemiscot, Dunklin and New Madrid counties, bring fancy prices in New York, Newport, Boston and other large cities.

Never Again, Says Vandiver.

Among the numerous applications received by Superintendent Vandiver of the state insurance department from companies wanting licenses to write insurance in Missouri, is one received from a company, seeking to revive the old assessment plan of life insurance which was popular many years ago but which proved to be a failure. Mr. Vandiver's reply follows: "I have yours saying you would like to make application for license to write life insurance in Missouri on the assessment plan. Please excuse me for being brief and to the point, I do not wish to be discourteous, but would like to be frank with you. If I can find any means at my command to keep you or anybody else from writing life insurance in Missouri on the assessment plan, I will most assuredly do so. The history of assessment insurance in this state is too fresh in our minds to admit of its being repeated if it can be avoided. I hope you will not insist on making application."

Want Saloons in Springfield.

Deliberations are being conducted by the temperance advocates of Springfield asking the city council to call a special election for the purpose of voting on the question of local option. There are no saloons in Greene county outside of Springfield, and the temperance element will undertake now to make the city dry. There are 24 saloons in Springfield, which contribute more than one-fourth of the total revenues of the municipality. The license there is higher than any other city in the state, the total being \$1,825 per annum, of which the city gets \$1,000, the county \$600 and the state \$200.

Weds Thursday, Dies Monday.

The funeral of Mrs. Robert Lee occurred at Macon just five days after her marriage took place. Her first husband died last winter at Callao. The widow came here June 4, to select a monument and met Robert Lee, a well known citizen. He assisted her in making the purchase. Before she returned home the widow and Lee were engaged. They were married at Callao Thursday. Next day Lee came to Macon to arrange a home for his bride. Monday she was stricken with heart disease while working about her home in Callao and died before her husband could reach her.

A County Phone Exchange.

There is a movement to organize a county telephone exchange in Lathau Moniteau county, at which place all telephone companies, incorporated and mutual, will be invited to connect. This exchange will furnish metallic circuits to California, Tipton, Fortuna, Mutal and Cotton. Ten other towns in Moniteau, Miller and Cole counties will also be furnished with metallic circuits as soon as they can be built. When all this is completed there will be more than 3,000 telephones connected. The estimated cost of the undertaking will be about \$150,000.

May Aid Mining Industry.

Dr. E. O. Ulrich of the United States geological society was in Springfield to take charge of some survey work being done over the Ozark uplift. The survey is at work on the correlation and classification of the various rock formations in the Ozark mountains. The various formations are determined as to name and as to their relation to the other formations above and below them. It is believed the work will have practical results that will be of great profit in the development of the mining industry in southern Missouri and northern Arkansas.

TERRIBLE TO RECALL.

Five Weeks in Bed with Intensely Painful Kidney Trouble.

Mrs. Mary Wagner, of 1367 Kossuth Ave., Bridgeport, Conn., says: "I was so weakened and generally run down with kidney disease that for a long time I could not do my work and was five weeks in bed. There was continual bearing down pain, terrible backaches, headaches and at times dizzy spells when everything was a blur before me. The passages of the kidney secretions were irregular and painful, and there was considerable sediment and odor. I don't know what I would have done but for Doan's Kidney Pills. I could see an improvement from the first box, and five boxes brought a final cure."



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The Age of Greed.

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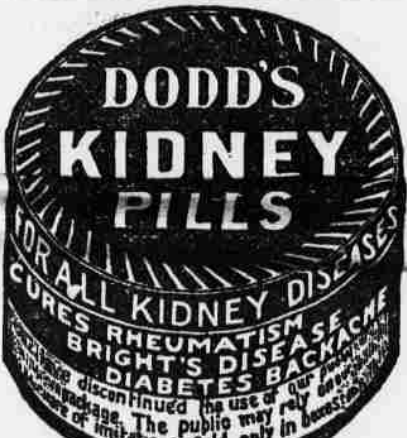
"Is that all I get for bein' honest?" he asked. "Yer a pretty cheap guy!"

"There's just three dollars in the pocketbook," said the man.

"Well, you oughter gimme a dollar, anyway," the boy replied.

"Had I been the man I'd have been sorely tempted to add a kick to the quarter," concluded the traveling man. "And there are lots and lots of people just like that boy in this world." — Denver Post.

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